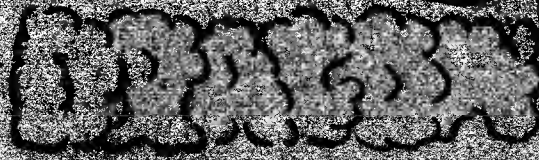




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Diplomacy is learning when Turkey says "watch out for Russia, he's tricky," to watch out for Turkey.

Gencen rapidly approaches. I hope to be seeing some of you there. You will be able to recognize me by the knives at my belt, and the one in my back. Yes, it has happened. Robert the Knife got one in 1976BS in Dismal. More than that I cannot say, since I am still negotiating to cauterize the wound. It's not fatal, but the loss of blood was fearful.

I shall be entering the Dipcon section of Gencen. So if anyone is looking for me with blood in his eye, steer him away from there. I have enough problems.

I have just seen this weekend Monty Python's Jabberwocky. It is the funniest thing I have seen in some time. It is a laugh riot from the opening scene in which the trapper is eaten alive until the barrel-maker's apprentice goes off honeymooning with the Princess. I saw it at the malline. I'm not sure I would spend the full price to see it - Star Wars is the only thing I've seen lately worth that-but for a Saturday afternoon it's certainly a good entertainment. Of course to really enjoy it, you have to be a little bent.

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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

I'm a liar, aren't you ?



Diplomacy is like other war games in that it produces a vast number of persons who are convinced they can teach you to play. Unfortunately, most "how-to" articles concentrate on the tactics, which is the least part of Diplomacy. I am certain that anyone playing Germany is aware that if he wishes to attack France he ought to move his forces westward. The problems arise when you wish to attack France, and England wishes to attack you.

The school of thought which seems to prevail just now is that you never lie to someone out-right. If you have decided to attack France, you simply do not write to him. If he writes to you, you refuse to agree to anything, but merely make non-committal noises. OK. A show of hands. How many of you think that France will be completely lulled by the fact that you have not declared war on him ? And you have probably also never won, and can't understand why you are under attack so often.

The simple fact is that if you do not write your immediate neighbors and discuss your mutual potential targets, you are going to find yourself, more often than not, the target in this particular game. This does mean that as Germany you are going to have to discuss attacking France with England, but you are also going to have to discuss attacking England with France. Unless you are completely insane, you are lying to one of these players.

The customary double-think is that you consider yourself allied only to one of the players, for example, you consider that your Germany is allied with England to attack France. Therefore, it is all right for you to lie to France, because he is not your ally. The truth is, a lie is a lie no matter to whom it is told. So do not be entirely surprised if, in the example, England considers himself allied with France to attack you. In current play, the re-action is that England is most reprehensible for lying. You were lying to France, but that was o.k. because he was not your ally. But England was your ally and how dare he lie !

The point of this is not to assign blame, but to salvage something from the wreckage. Now is the time to try and make your correspondence with France pay off. You are already in communication with France so you don't have to try to build a relationship based on an abortive stab. Simply tell the guy you were mislead by that evil, nasty person playing England. You personally would never have come up with the idea of attacking France, but England told him that France had been writing trying to get him to attack you--this is probably not a lie--so to defend yourself you decided to go along with England. Now he has stabbed you, and doesn't France want to ally with a nice guy like you who is so trusting that you can be stabbed, or does he want to ally with a person like England who stabbed his ally?

This is not going to be enough. You are also going to have to make a concrete offer. In the example, you can't tell France that you still want Belgium. In fact you can't still want Belgium. You are going to have to concede Belgium to France, and you are going to have to mean it. It is unfortunately true that if you are the country initially attacked, you can often recover, but it is very difficult to regain the initiative. You are probably going to have to be a very good boy for the rest of the game. It depends on whether you decided to completely commit yourself by moving to Burgundy.

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1976R

Medusa

Winter, 1907

A: F tun R OTE, Builds A BUD, H: Builds F LON, A EDI, A LVP,
G: Removes A bur

Spring, 1908

AUSTRO-ITALIAN BULLIES PICK ON LITTLE TURKEY

Austria(McArdle) F aeg-COM, A BUD-rum, A BOH-all, A GAL S
A BOH-all, A VIE S A CAL, A TIO-rum, A MAR H
England(Nitral) F lon-ENG, F nat-ENG, A HOL S A edi-BEL,
A edi-BEL, F NTH C A edi-BEL, F den-BAL, A par-BUR,
A lvp-GER, A GAS & F MAC S F par-SPA(NC), F por-SPA(NC)
France(CD) no units
Germany(Gehen) A sip-GER, A SEV-rum, A KIE S A MUN, A BER S
A KIE, A SIL S A MUN, A WAR S A SIL, A MUN(U) H
Italy(Drews) F WES-spa(sc), F LYO S F WES-spa(sc), F TUR-wes,
F lon-AEG, A BUL S Austrian F aeg-COM
Russia(CD) A UKR H
Turkey(Nurse) A arm-ANK, F BLA-con



MEDUSA

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. The draw proposals are both defeated. My thanks to Ron Kelly for submitting standby orders although they were not needed.

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1908 IS SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 12:00 NOON CDT

1976R PRESS--

ANKARA: It has been decided to relieve the Russians of their Turkish possessions. However, it seems that the Italians and Austrians want to relieve the Turks of their Turkish possessions. We sincerely hope the war ends before we are totally annihilated. The General has decided to write a whole chapter in his Book of Turkish Victories on the subject of allies being able to do more damage than enemies.

1976EM

Cyclops

Winter, 1906

A: Builds A VIE, F: Builds F BRE, A PAR, R: builds F STP(NC)only
& A bur R GAS

Spring, 1907

FRANCE REPELS INVADERS ON HOME FRONT; LOSES GROUND IN NORTH

Austria(Muchnik) A MUN-bur, A bur-mar(d, r ruh, otb) A PIE S
A BUR-mar, F tus-LYO, F TYN S F tus-LYO, A SRB H, A ven-TUS,
F IDN S F TYN, F apu-NAP, A TYO-BUR, A VIE-tve
France(Michalski) F lvo-pie(d, r spa(sc), otb), A gas-BUR,
A PAR & A MAR & A BEL S A gas-BUR, F bre-PIC, A TUN H,
A hol-kie(d, r ruh, otb), F lon-nth, F WES S A TUN
Russia(Bresslour) F ARM H, A mos-LYN, A BER S A den-KIE,
A kie-HOL, A edi-LVP, F nwg-NAT, F NTH-bal, F ska-nth(NSU)
F HEL S A kie-HOL, A den-KIE, F stp(nc)-BRE, SUB S Arctic
thanks God there are no moves for non-existent units,
F SWE(U) H



CYCLOPS

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1907 IS SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 12:00NOON CDT

1976BA The Basilisk Winter, 1907
 A:builds F TRI, E:builds F EDI, G:builds A KIE, I: NRR,
 GM removes F spa(sc)

Spring, 1908

IT'S NOT OVER YET



Austria(Hessel) A VEN S A PIE, F nap-ROM, F ion-NAP, F gre-
 ION, A TYO S Russian A MUN, A SIL S Russian A BER, A PIE H
 A rom-APU, F tri-ADR, A CON H
 England(Rogowski) F edi-NWG, F STP(NC) H, F FIN S F STP(NC),
 F BAL S German F gob(otm)
 France(McLendon) A NAF S Italian F TUN, F WES H, A BUR H
 Germany(Mann II) A RUH S Russian A Mun-bur(nso), A HOL S
 A KIE, F gob-SWE, F DEN S F gob-SWE, A KIE(U) H
 Italy(Brendlinger?)NMR A MAR H, F LYO H, F TUN H, F TYN H
 Russia(Anderson) F LVN H, A MOS S F LVN, A BOH S A MUN,
 A MUN S A BER, F PRU S A BER, A BER S A MUN, A WAR S F LVN,
 F AEG S Austrian F ion(otm)

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1976BA PRESS--

From the German High Command in Kiel to the Austrian High Command: We accept your offer. The stalemate line is broken. I expect the liberation of Berlin by the Fall moves.

To the Italian Empress: I regret the pull-out of German support.

1977CZ

Cerberus

Winter, 1901



CERBERUS

Austria(Kehrer) builds F TRI, A VIE. Also has F GRE, A SRB,
 A BUD
 England(Machir) builds F EDI, A LON. Also has F BRB, F NTH,
 A BEL
 France(Piack) even Has F MAO, A PAR, A SPA
 Germany(Gipson) builds F KIE, A MUN. Also has F HOL, A DEN,
 A RUH

rest of game on next page

1977CZ Cerberus

Italy(Bunke) builds F NAP. Also has A PIE, A TUN, F TYN
Russia(Michalski) builds F SEV, F STP(SC). Also has F SWE, A FIN, A RUM,
F ARM
Turkey(McManus) builds F SMY. Also has A BUL, A CON, F BLA

I have received a postcard from Jim Piack indicating that he intends to
continue play. After August 14, Curtis Gibson's address returns to:
SA-1, 176 Lexington Ave. New York, NY 10016.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1982 IS SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 12:00NOON CDT

1977CZ PRESS--

Turkey-Russia: Nice play, John, but I believe you made an error ! It's
hard to beat an alliance.

Turkey-England: With pleasure !

Minsk: This year's contest here to determine the "Least Loving Couple
of 1901" is a tear-up between the pair of Adolf Eichmann/Golda Meir
and C. Gibson/J. Machir. A final decision will be announced next issue.

Berlin: The Hohenzollern's are resigned to progress, as the new Intellectual
Meritocracy(graded franchise based on written test) will make the
world and our Kultur harmonize at last. So, out with Empire, in with
a form a Democracy that will work(unlike crude 1-vote-per-man).

Rome(25 December, 1901) The Royal House of Piedmont-Savoy has this day
denounced the fluctuating government of the French, and is fully pre-
pared to fill the vacuum by partitioning France in the most equitable
fashion: 50-50, right down the middle, with the provision that Italian
merchants get sixty percent of the Gascon wine trade.

1976JW The Phoenix Winter, 1904
Removes F Bon, G; builds F BER, I; builds F NAP, A VEN,
T; builds A ANK
GERMANY IS EXPENDABLE Spring, 1905

England(Don Rittel, 2311 Badger Pkwy, Apt. 2, Madison, WI
53713) F RWY MS F NTH, F eng-bal(d, r inn, oth) A IYP-WAL

France(John Machir, 2553 Holman Ave., Silver Spring, MD
20910) F eng-BAR, F mac-ENG, F IRI S F mac-ENG, A BRE H
A PIC S A BRE, A BEL H

Germany(David Bunke, 5512 Julmar Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238)
F HEE S F DEN, F DEN S F bar-BAL, F ber-BAL, A HOL H,
A SIL-WAL, A VIE S Italian A BOH-bal, A bud(d, s) S Italian
A BUL-bal

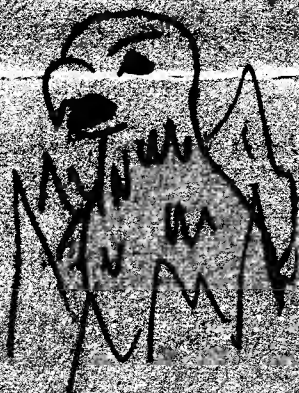
Italy(Clifford Mann II, 823 Marcy Ave., Apt. 101, Oxon Hill
MD 20021) A arb-BUD, A RUM S A arb-BUD, A alb-SRB, F GRE H,
F ION S F GRE, F NAP S F ION, A ven-TRI, A BOH-bal

Russia(Curtis Gibson, SA-1, 176 Lexington Ave, New York, NY
10016) F oly-SBI, F SWE-bal, A WAR-bal, A UKR S A WAR-bal

Turkey(Gary Staud, 1750 Sylvan Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45238)
A BUL H, F AEG S A BUL, F sey-CON, F sev-BLA, A ank-ARM

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of unit. Don Rittel now takes over the English position. Press-page 7

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1905 IS SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 12:00NOON CDT



The Phoenix

1976IF

Leviathan

Fall, 1904

RUSSIAN GROWTH CONTINUES

Austria(Nurse) A TRI-ven, A TYO S A TRI-ven, A bud-RUM,
A SRB S A bud-RUM
England(Rogowski) F CLY-lvp, F lvp-WAL, A lon(d, r yor, otb)
S F lvp-WAL
France(Gable) F NAT-lvp, A pic-PAR, A MAR-bur, A wal-LON,
F ENG S A wal-LON
Germany(Berch) F den-NTH, A kie-DEN, A hol-BEL, A RUM S
A hol-BEL, A MUN-bur, A BUR-mar
Italy(Beyerlein) A VEN H, A APU S A VEN, F adr-ION, F nap-TYM
Russia(McLendon) A arm-SMY, A CON S A arm-SMY, F ANK S A CON,
A RUM-bul(d, r gal, sev, otb), A war-UKR, F NWG-nat, F EDI S
German F den-NTH, A swe-NWY, F gob-SWE
Turkey(Mann II) F aeg-BUL(SC), F GRE S F aeg-BUL(SC),
A smy-com, d, r syr, otb)

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1976IF

Leviathan

1904

AUSTRIA: bud, srb, tri, vie, RUM 5, build 1
ENGLAND: ~~clx~~, lvp, ~~lon~~ 1, remove 2
FRANCE: bre, mar, par, por, spa, LON 6, build 1
GERMANY: bel, ber, den, hol, kie, mun 6, even
ITALY: nap, rom, tun, ven 4, even
RUSSIA: ank, ~~bul~~, mos, nwy, ~~stp~~, sev, swe,
war, CON, EDI, SMY 10, build 1
TURKEY: ~~gre~~, gre, ~~bul~~, BUL 2, remove 1

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1904 & SPRING, 1905 IS SEPTEMBER 5, 1977 6:30 PM CDT

Players in Leviathan should note that their deadlines, unlike those for the other games, fall on Mondays. There are many more holidays that fall on Mondays than on Saturdays. Since the deadline for Leviathan is set on the deadline for the other games, it is often scheduled on a holiday. I am the one setting it, not Don, so don't expect him to have given up going somewhere on a holiday to be by the phone waiting to see if you are going to change your moves. If the deadline falls on a holiday, it is prudent to get your moves in before the last day.

1976JW Press--

Berlin (April, 1905)

The Imperial German Government has decreed that all heretofore independent territories now under Hohenzollern rule will be amalgamated into a greater German Empire stretching from the shores of Denmark to the slopes of the Carpathian Mountains. Provision has been made to include any and all territories won in the on-going struggle with the radical oligarchists to the north and east.

Constantinople (via Orient Express)

"Just remember, when you think all is lost, the future remains," said His Imperial Highness, the Sultan, as he formally reviewed his newest army of ~~anarchy~~. The Sultan then conducted his state troops in fight with zeal for the "glory of Allah and the Empire".

Muscovilla:

The Senate of the Intellectual Meritocracy has decided to cancel its offer of the crown jewels prize for the liberation of Portugal or Rome by a force from a non-Meritocratic nation. We hope Britain goes Meritocratic and wins both.

SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS -continued

This is why, when you see articles for novices written by the "old-Timers" they recommend to the novice that he write everyone, pick up his neutrals and wait for developments. He is not advised to make no offers and counter-offers, but he is advised to avoid making the first move if at all possible.

In the example, if you have not moved into Burgundy, France will not know that you have been lying to him, and it will work out that you have not. It is best not to approach a new game with the unswerving idea that one particular alliance is what you want to play in that game. It may be, but that doesn't mean you will be able to establish it. Lie low and wait, but talk to everyone.

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This space was reserved for press, but there wasn't enough.

Be sure to renew!

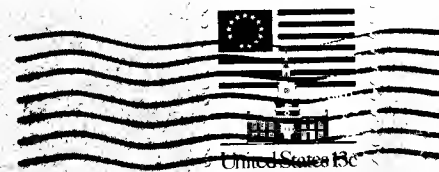
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